THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) A decision has been taken to rationalise and strengthen the overseas operations of foreign branches of Indian banks. This process would include closing down of non-viable branches. Reserve Bank of India has already initiated the process of scrutiny of the operations of each foreign branch. It would not be possible to indicate at this stage as to how many branches would eventually be closed down.

13 Indian banks have 133 operating branches in 25 countries. The countrywise distribution of branches is given in the Statement.

Statement

Country-wise distribution of foreign Branches of Indian banks

Sl. No.	Country	No. of Branches
1	Bangladesh	1
2	Bahamas	2
3	Belgium	2
4	Bahrain	2
5	Cayman Islands	2
6	Channel Islands	1
7	Fiji Islands	11
8	France	2
9	Guyana	2
10	Hongkong	11
11	Japan	4
12	Kenya	9
13	Mauritius	6
14	Maldive Islands	1
15	Oman	3
16	Panama	1
17	South Korea	1
18	Sri Lanka	6
19	Singapore	7
20	Seychelles	1
21	Thailand	1
22	U.S.A.	7
23	United Kingdom (U.K.)	42
24	United Arab Emirates	7
25	Federal Republic of Germany	1
	TOTAL:	133

Strike by the All India State Bank Officers' Federation

*114. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons which led the All India State Bank Officers' Federation to go on a day's token strike on September 18, 1986; and

(b) what are the details of their demands and what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The All India State Bank Officers' Federation had gone on a day's token strike on September 18, 1986 to press for various demands raised by them before the management.

(b) The details of the Federation's demand are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 31] State Bank of India have informed that they had discussions with the representatives of the Federation and those demands which were found reasonable have been conceded. However, the Bank Officers insisted on a decision by the State Bank Management on issues that had industry-wise ramifications and this was obviously not possible.

Retrenchment of workers by NTC

*115. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA.

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Textile Corporation has retrenched over 17,000 workers to effect economy as per its labour rationalisation programme;

(b) if so, what is the mill-wise break-up thereof;